

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) A composite tissue structure ~~having at least three plies~~, comprising:

at least three webs, the three webs comprising:

(a) a permeable first outer ~~ply~~ web containing pulp fibers;

(b) at least one a middle ~~ply~~ web; and

(c) a permeable second outer ~~ply~~ web containing pulp fibers, the middle ~~ply web~~ being positioned between the first and second outer ~~plies webs~~; and

(d) wherein the middle ~~ply web~~ has a thickness greater than the thickness of either the first or the second outer ~~ply web~~, further wherein the middle ~~ply web~~ comprises a bulk that is greater than the bulk of either the first or second outer ~~ply web~~.

2. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which the middle ~~ply web~~ comprises uncreped through-air-dried tissues (UCTAD).

3. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which the middle ~~ply web~~ comprises modified wet pressed tissue (MWP).

4. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which the middle ~~ply web~~ comprises through-air-dried tissue (TAD).

5. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which the middle ~~ply web~~ comprises a fabric-less through-air-dried tissue.

6. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which the middle ~~ply web~~ provides a corrugated-like structure providing increased bulk to the composite tissue structure.

7. (Currently Amended) The tissue of claim 1 in which the middle ~~ply web~~ additionally comprises an absorbent foam.

8. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which at least one outer ply web is creped during manufacture of the tissue.

9. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which a middle ply web comprises a corrugated-like structure having increased thickness and bulk.

10. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which the tissue is calendared.

11. (Original) The tissue of claim 1 in which the middle ply web further comprises activated carbon.

12. (Canceled) ~~The tissue of claim 1 in which the middle ply further comprises an absorbent foam.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~throughdried~~ tissue ~~having at least three plies~~, comprising:

at least three webs, at least one of the webs comprising a throughdried paper web, the three webs including:

(a) a permeable first outer ply web containing pulp fibers;

(b) at least one middle ply web; and

(c) a second outer ply web containing pulp fibers, the second outer ply web lying adjacent the middle ply web or plies webs, wherein the middle ply web is between the first outer ply web and the second outer ply web;

(d) wherein the middle ply web has a thickness and bulk greater than the outer plies webs;

(e) further wherein the first outer, middle, and second outer plies webs are joined to form at least a three ply web tissue; and

(f) the tissue having at least one ply web that received a chemical enhancement.

14. (Original) The tissue of claim 12 in which the chemical enhancement comprises foam applied to the middle ~~ply~~ web.

15. (Original) The tissue of claim 12 in which the chemical enhancement comprises activated carbon applied to the middle ~~ply~~ web.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a tissue having a least three separately formed plies webs, the method comprising:

(a) providing a permeable first outer ~~ply~~ web containing pulp fibers;

(b) providing at least one a thick middle ~~ply~~ web having greater bulk than the first outer ~~ply~~ web;

(c) providing a permeable second outer ~~ply~~ web containing pulp fibers;

(d) administering to the middle ~~ply~~ web or ~~plies~~ webs one or more chemical agents selected from the following agents: activated carbon, antibacterial agents, and foam; and

(e) joining the first outer ~~ply~~ web, middle ~~plies~~/~~ply~~ webs/web, and second outer ~~ply~~ web together to form a tissue.